The details since the inception of the Scheme is given below:

(in Rs.)

| Year | Regional Office, Ahmedabad | Regional Office, Amritsar | Regional Office, Coimbatore | Regional Office Mumbai |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1987-88 . . . | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| 1988-89 . . . | 2,00,00,000 | " | " | " |
| 1989-90 . . . | 9,57,75,000 | " | 42,25, 000 | " |
| 1990-91 . . . | 12,37,92,145 | 7,62,07,855 | 2,00,00,000 | 2,00,00,000 |
| 1991-92 . . . | 6,20,77,000 | 2,88,30,000 | 20,00,000 | 70,93,000 |
| 1992-93* . . . | 13,07,26,506 | 1,53,47,181 | 12,60,524 | 65,26,823 |
| 1993-94 . . . | 10,73,10,927 | nil | nil | 1,10,28,039 |
| 1994-95 . . . | 5,43,61,393 | " | " | 2,38,607 |
| 1995-96 . . . | 3,14,98,851 | " | " | 26,149 |
| 1996-97 . . . | 5,88,20,706 | 15,610 | " | 63,684 |
| 1997-98 . . . | 6,71,00,000 | . . | 3,50,00,000 | . . |

*An amount of Rs. 1,01,38,966 had been surrendered as the same was not utilised inter-alia due to incomplete applications of workers. The condition of utilising the funds allocated under TWRFS during the year of allocation was commenced w.e.f. the financial year of 1992-93.

**Amendment in guidelines for payment under TWRF Scheme**

2465. SHRI RAMJILAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made certain amendments to the updated guidelines dated 1-5-1991 for payment of relief under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund (TWRF) Scheme;

(b) it so, the number of workers belonging to Himachal Worsted Mills Limited, Nalagarh (Himachal Pradesh) who have been found eligible for payment under the said scheme by the office of the Regional Textile Commissioner, Amritsar;

(c) the reasons for which payment under the said scheme has not been made to these poor workers; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to release the funds for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The following amendments have been made in TWRF Scheme;

(i) The TWRF Scheme has also been made applicable to cases of partial closure on a case to case basis subject to certain conditions.

(ii) Under the eligibility clause the wage ceiling limit has been raised from Rs. 1600/- per month to Rs. 2500/- per month.

The Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme has not so far been extended to Central and State Textile PSUs.

**Development of silk textiles in N. E. Region**

2466. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) the detail of the steps taken/initiated for speedy development of silk textiles

in the North-Eastern Region in general and Assam, in particular during the preceding five years;

(b) what are the details of the amount spent annually therefor; and

(c) what are the details of allocations etc. for the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for development of sericulture industry in the North-East, the Central Silk Board (CSB) has established various units/research institutions besides implementing certain specific schemes for the production of the four varieties of silk, namely, Eri, Muga, Mulberry and Tasar.

CSB has been implementing an Action Plan in the North-Eastern Region including the State of Assam at a total cost of Rs. 16.48 crores in collaboration with the State Governments concerned for a period of three years from 1995-96. Upto end of March 1997, a sum of Rs. 3.08 crores has been spent by CSB on implementation of the Action Plan programme in the Region. The mulberry sericulture component envisages raising of 7,500 acres mulberry plantation besides establishing infrastructure units like Reearch Extension Centre, Technical Service Centre, P2 Basic Seed Farm, Training to farmers and reeless. The non-mulberry component envisages development of 1,111 acres of muga food palnts, establishing of two Muga Seed Production Centres, raising of 517 acres of eri food plants, establishing of one Eri Seed Production Centre and assistance to Eri Co-operative Societies for purchase of cocoons.

Under the National Sericulture Project (NSP) implemented by the CSB with the financial assistance from the World Bank and Swiss Development Co-operation from 1989-90 to 1996-97 (upto December 96) in Jorhat and Sibsagar districts of Assam, the following progress was achieved:—

A sum of Rs. 3.41 crores was spent and a cumulative area of 991 acres were brought under mulberry in private farmer fields. 9 Technical Service Centres, one P2 Basic Seed Farm-cum-Silkworm Seed Production Centre, one Cocoon market were also established besides strengthening RSRS at Jorhat and Demonstration-cum-Training Centre at Sualkuchi in Assam. The TSCs, Cocoon Market and Drying Chambers were handed over to the State Government for further maintenonce after the end of the project. Under institution credit, a loan amount of Rs. 138.75 lakhs was disbursed covering 2,244 beneficiaries.

(b) Year-wise details of expenditure incurred during the last 5 yeors (VIIIth Plan) in the Region are given below:—

| Year | Expenditure (in Rs. crores) |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 1.58 |
| 1993-94 | 2.43 |
| 1994-95 | 3.78 |
| 1995-96 | 7.23 |
| 1996-97 | 5.18 |

(c) The State-wise allocation is not possible to finalise as no separate allocation is made. The expenditure would be dependent on the proposals received from the State Gooverrments by the CSB.

### जनता वस्त्र निर्माण

2467. **श्री गोबिन्दराम मिरी :** क्या **वस्त्र मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जनता वस्त्र निर्माण के लक्ष्य अन्य राज्यों को सौंपे जा रहे हैं परन्तु मध्य प्रदेश में बुनकरों की पर्याप्त संख्या के बावजूद भी राज्य को लक्ष्य नहीं दिया गया है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश को लक्ष्य सौंपने पर विचार करेगी ?